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Diplomat From Mexico Shot to Death in Cuba

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 25 (UPI) — A Mexican diplomat was shot and killed in Havana last night under mysterious circumstances, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

Mexico demanded a "full investigation and report "concerning the death of Jesus Flores Aguirre, first secretary of the Mexican Embassy in Havana.

Havana police said Flores Aguirre, 57, was shot in the chest by two men who were riding with him in his car in suburban Mariano.

Passengers on a bus heard a muffled sound and then saw two men run from the car. The diplomat was found slumped over in the car. He was taken to a hospital, but surgery failed to save his life.

Diplomatic sources discounted any political significance in the shooting. They said Flores Aguirre was more of a literary than a political figure.

But Mexican authorities want to know if the shooting was connected in any way with the Aug. 9 hijacking of a Pan American World Airways jet from Mexico to Havana.

Flores Aguirre had been Mexico's representative at the airport when the plane landed.

The diplomat had been a close friend of former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.

Flores Aguirre entered the foreign service during Aleman's administration in 1947. He had served in Argentina, the United States, Canada, Peru and Uruguay.

In the literary field, he founded the Mexican magazine of letters "Hoja Literaria."

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